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1. BEAUTIFUL SPRING WEATHER AND A NON-SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT AVAILABLE AS A TARGET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 45 YEARS CREATED THE BEST POSSIBLE CONDITIONS FOR A MASSIVE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC/ COMMUNIST TURNOUT ON MAY DAY. STALLED LABOR-MANAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF OPEN CONFLICT CONTRIBUTED FURTHER DRAMA TO THE ATMOSPHERE. A RECORD 600,000 PEOPLE ARE ESTIMATED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY PARADES AND MEETINGS THROUGHOUT SWEDEN.

2. RIGHT-WING DICTATORSHIPS, COLONIALISM, CAPITALISM AND OTHER SUCH FAMILIAR VILLAINS WHICH HAVE DOMINATED MAY DAY FESTIVITIES OF RECENT YEARS TOOK A DISTANT BACK SEAT THIS TIME TO DOMESTIC POLITICS, PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS. THE GENERAL THEME OF MOST SPEECHES WAS THE NECESSITY TO DEFEND GAINS OF WAGE EARNERS AGAINST A GOVERNMENT ACCUSED OF BEING UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDER THE THUMB OF THE NATION'S BIG EMPLOYERS. SPEAKING BEFORE A CROWD OF ABOUT 25,000 IN STOCKHOLM SDP SECRETARY STEN ANDERSSON PLEDGED HIS PARTY TO FIGHT FOR THE CREATION OF WAGE-EARNER FUNDS WHICH HE SAW AS ESSENTIAL TO FULL EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. HE WAS ECHOED BY FORMER TRADE MINISTER KJELL-OLOF FELDT WHO TOLD A GATHERING IN NORTHERN SWEDEN THAT THE SOCDEMS WOULD

WORK WITH THE LO IN DEVELOPING A JOINT PROPOSAL ON SUCH FUNDS.

3. THE LEFT COMMUNIST PARTY, VPK, ALSO REPORTED RECORD PARTICIPATION AT ITS MEETING WITH 17,000 LISTENING TO FORMER PARTY CHAIRMAN C-H HERMANSSON IN STOCKHOLM. PERRY

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